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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed ten (10) U.S. patents, which are a part of my IDS statement. I am submitting this correspondence within 3 months from filing the patent application.

The patents are:

1.	Reber	3,965,937	June 29, 1976
2.	Chyen	5,195,681	Mar. 23, 1993
3.	Chiu	5,634,220	June 3, 1997
4.	Bertrand et al	5,823,229	Oct. 20, 1998
5.	Ko	5,871,032	Feb. 16, 1999
6.	Dimmer	5,887,796	Mar. 30, 1999
7.	Humpert et al	6,085,790	July 11, 2000
8.	Bovaird et al	6,093,313	July 25, 2000

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 9. Costello et al	D-441,835 S	May 8, 2001
 10. Brandebusemeyer	US2001/0044955 A1	Nov. 29, 2001

Discussion

Reber	3,965,937	June 29, 1976
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FIG 1, along with column 1, lines 47 – 50 and column 2, line 37, discloses a washbasin faucet having a gooseneck portion (3), a downward water channel (1) and a side water outlet (23).

Chyen	5,195,681	Mar. 23, 1993
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FIG 1 and column 2, lines 20 – 26, illustrate a faucet with an upper tube hole (22) and a bottom discharge outlet (14). Water can come out either opening, yet by occluding the bottom outlet (14) water squirts upward out of tube hole (22).

Chiu	5,634,220	June 3, 1997
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In FIGS 1, 2 and 3, plus column 2, lines 7 – 15, a double functional faucet is shown having a large passage (112) which discharges water downward, and a small passage (111) within the large passage. The small passage also discharges water downward.

Bertrand et al	5,823,229	Oct. 20, 1998
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FIG 2, and column 9, lines 15 – 20, reveal a faucet having multiple discharges, specifically a spray discharge (484) and a stream discharge (482).

Ko	5,871,032	Feb. 16, 1999
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